

## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION**

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for the renewal of groundwater discharge permit NEV50020 from the following applicant:

**U. S. Gypsum Company  
P. O. Box 1  
Empire, Nevada 89405  
Washoe County**

The U. S. Gypsum Company owns and operates the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) serving the town of Empire Nevada. The WWTF is located approximately 0.25 mile northwest of the townsite in northern Washoe County. Domestic (sanitary) wastewater is treated biologically in two parallel treatment trains, each consisting of the following: a raw sewage lift station, a 12,000-gallon Imhoff tank, and a trickling filter. Effluents from the trickling filters are combined in a final settling tank, which overflows clarified effluent to two evaporation/percolation ponds, each covering approximately 0.8 acre. Effluent from the facility is discharged to groundwater via percolation through the ponds. The facility serves approximately 250 residents, and the design capacity of the plant is 60,000 gallons per day of wastewater. The Division has made the tentative determination to renew the groundwater discharge permit for a period of five (5) years, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than **5:00 P. M. on July 30, 2004**, either in person or by mail to:

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
333 West Nye Lane  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P. M. on July 30, 2004** will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at [jhartley@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:jhartley@ndep.nv.gov). The Notice of Proposed Action and the Fact Sheet for this permit are available on the NDEP website at [www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm](http://www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm). The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684.